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## Letter from John Todd to James B. Finley

John Todd

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Wednesday Augusta 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1825

Reverend Sir / at the request of your sister  
Ginny of this place I address this lines  
to you. the communication I know is of the  
most painful kind. however in every disagreeable  
circumstance there is some drop of consolation  
to sweeten the bitter cup. so in this I think  
there is more than the usual portion of Comfort  
under this affliction. triumph crown  
the conflict & mortal glory is won & the  
soul of your deceased brother John is  
reposing in the serenity of an eternal calm  
in heaven - three weeks ago your brother  
was taken ill & had to give up school  
he took medicine & recovered so as to be  
able to ride out 3 miles on Sunday  
& return same evening. we suppose  
the fatigue was too great & on Monday  
he relapsed continuing to get worse untill  
the following Tuesday week, when we thought  
he was dying. but the symptoms became  
more favourable & hopes were indulged by  
his physician & friends that he would  
recover these hopes were flattered by his  
appearance & strength untill last Saturday

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August 14  
Rev. James B. Quincy  
Wyan dot Superior  
Upper Stancusky  
Ohio  
Death of my  
brother John  
in account of the  
Epistle  
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night about twelve o'clock, when the symptoms  
assumed the most alarming aspect, his  
strength sinking fast, untill on Sunday night  
at 20 minutes past eleven o'clock he sunk  
in the ~~philosophy~~ of death. on the following  
day at 3 o'clock he was carried to the  
Methodist Church where Peter Akers  
delivered a sermon from "I know that  
my Redeemer lives" after which he was  
interred in the meeting house yard — his family

as you may suppose are much distressed at  
their loss. & wish you to come over immediately  
that you may advise counsel or direct,  
their circumstances are most necessitous at  
the present, nor do they wish any pecuniary  
assistance from <sup>you</sup>, but just wish you  
to be here to give such counsel as their  
confidence in you will induce them to follow

— In all the affliction of your  
brother the most "lamb like patience" adorned  
his breast, not a murmur, not a complaint  
but the most unshaken confidence in  
God, & the most placid & Meek submission  
to his will — in consequence of his illness  
another was appointed to fill his place  
for the College for 3 months, & until  
it should be known whether his health would  
be better, & he was held in the most

reputable estimation in his connection with  
the Institution, but he is gone. & the  
question is will the next only stand in his  
place, or will he fill it. I may be fill  
it — the family are all in tolerable  
health at present & the widowed support  
with that degree of confidence that humble  
~~confidence~~ in God alone can inspire with

Yours Respectfully  
John Ladd